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**53A-1a-503.5 Status of charter schools.**

- (1) Charter schools are:
  - (a) considered to be public schools within the state's public education system;
  - (b) subject to Subsection 53A-1-401(3); and
  - (c) governed by independent boards and held accountable to a legally binding written contractual agreement.
- (2) A charter school may be established by:
  - (a) creating a new school; or
  - (b) converting an existing public school to charter status.
- (3) A parochial school or home school is not eligible for charter school status.